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Marginal Column

By EPHY LAQUEUR

THE French ask: will the State Department ever make up its mind? Two courses are open to them: negotiations or the continuation of the war. When we asked them for direct intervention at the critical phase of the fighting for Dien Bien Phu, they refused to come to our help. Congress would never agree, they said, after talking big for so long. In this situation there was only one way open to us: direct talks to terminate the war as soon as possible at almost any price. But they did not want this either: now, in Washington, they sulk and try to wash their hands of it.

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THE Americans say: we have in fact become the satellites of the French, and have been manoeuvred into an impossible situation. In North Africa we have underwritten their fatal policy of not making any compromises to the Nationalists there, though we were convinced from the outset that it was all wrong. The same happened in Indo-China. Our political conception was always subordinated to the French: the conflict was not brought to the U.N. as we asked, nor were Vietnam and the other associated states given independence in time. In Europe, we postponed German rearmament for three years (while the Russians went ahead) and produced a cumbersome new instrument, the European Defence Community, which no one really wanted and needed apart from the French, and then only in order not to bring the Germans into NATO directly. And now the French refuse to accept E.D.C. If they want to commit suicide, how can we possibly prevent them?

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THE errors and omissions of past French Governments weigh heavily on M. Mendes-France, and as things are, he can do nothing but try to make the best of a very bad bargaining position. "Diseases desperate grown, by desperate appliances are relieved — or not at all"; this may well be the burden of his communications to Mr. Dulles, who now refuses to return to Geneva. The State Department is probably right in its assumption that the other side in Geneva does not want a mutually advantageous agreement resulting in a decrease in world tension, but is merely interested in going on talking while it makes progress on the battlefield in the meantime and prevents united action by the West. But as Washington is unwilling to commit itself militarily in Indo-China, it is politically and morally obliged to give France and England a free hand in Geneva. Instead, it has been irritating London and Paris by charges that Britain and France were "sabotaging Western united action" by their readiness to go on talking indefinitely in Geneva. But it has never made it clear what united action it proposes in order to remedy the situation immediately — apart from a few new pacts which may look impressive on paper but would not materially affect the state of affairs in Indo-China now — or for many months to come. It was, moreover, a grave psychological error. Just as Washington bows to the extravagances of Senator Knowland and his friends, it should have taken into consideration the foibles of some of its European allies who have not altogether lost the belief that a mutually advantageous agreement may be reached with the other side on Indo-China.

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INDO-China is now potentially in Mr. Molotov's and Chou En-lai's bag — not immediately perhaps, but within a few years. This, however, is only part of what they hope to get out of Geneva. It would be very unwise, seen from Moscow, to let France leave Indo-China in such a manner as would enable her to put her house in order and thus regain strength in Europe. The best course of action in order to perpetuate France's weakness would be to procrastinate as long as humanly possible. If Mr. Eden threatens to take his plane, or if M. Mendes-France is in danger of being forced to resign, new hopes may always be raised, lasting until the next crisis. Or, alternatively, a settlement for Indo-China may be worked out, by which France would directly or indirectly take upon herself certain obligations in Europe, thus giving Moscow a fair amount of remote control over French policy. It is difficult to predict which line will be taken by the East in Geneva, and it may very well be a combination of the two outlined. It is even more difficult to predict how the West will react. There can be little doubt that Western unity will eventually be restored, but hardly before new defeats will have been suffered, illusions in London and Paris have been shattered, and Washington has found a policy.

Jerusalem, July 11.

Atassi Sends Moral Support to Jordan

DAMASCUS, Saturday (Reuter) —President Hashem el Atassi has sent a message to King Hussein of Jordan in reply to the latter's appeal for aid in checking the "Israeli danger." He affirmed Syria's readiness to grant Jordan military and financial aid under the collective security pact of the Arab League charter.

MINISTER TO CUBA

HAVANA, Saturday (Reuter).— Israel's first Minister to Cuba, Mr. Joseph Kessari, presented his credentials to President Fulgencio Batista yesterday. Mr. Kessari is also Minister to other Central American states.

5 Egyptians Dead In Attack On Israel Patrol

BULLETIN: 1.30 a.m.

An Israel unit patrolling the armistice lines near Kesuffim in the Gaza Strip area was fired upon at sunset yesterday from an Egyptian position.

The unit entered the position and inflicted casualties upon the Egyptian attackers in a two-hour engagement, the Army spokesman announced at 1.30 this morning. Arab sources report five or six dead. The entire Israel unit returned to its base.

Shots were heard in Katamon, south Jerusalem, last night, concluding 24 hours of sporadic shooting into various parts of the Capital.

At 10.30 p.m. on Friday, isolated shots were heard in the southern parts of the city. Shooting was heard at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in the vicinity of Rehov Shmuel Hanavi, between Mandelbaum Gate and Sanhedria. A bullet entered the room of Mrs. Shoshana Tost through a lighted window.

A 13-year-old girl of the Al Finish Beduin tribe was robbed of six sheep by an armed marauder on Thursday evening. The man's tracks led over the Gaza Strip border.

Marauders stole 14 aluminium pipes, valued at IL.450, from the fields of Kibbutz Cremieux, in the Negev, on Wednesday night. Police found the traces of three men leading across the Gaza Strip border.

The Jordanians have lodged a complaint with the MAC and has asked for an emergency meeting regarding an incident in Rumana, near Jenin, on Friday morning, when an Israel patrol is alleged to have infiltrated 300 metres into Jordan territory and opened fire, seriously wounding a member of the National Guard.

No Blame Placed In Report on J'lem

By The Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

There is a distinct possibility that the special Israel-Jordan MAC meeting convened for 10 o'clock this morning near Mandelbaum Gate will adopt the procedure of not seeking to formulate the usual resolutions allocating blame or censure to either side.

The parley, which will be presided over by General Vagn Bennike, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, will consider the report of the U.N. Observers.

This document, according to the United Nations spokesman in Jerusalem yesterday, runs to 84 pages. It "comes to no conclusion" and "makes no findings." It is purely the result of the fact-finding investigation based upon detailed accounts of replies given by witnesses on both sides to United Nations officers in answer to the questions which they put, said the UN spokesman.

In the Arab Press and in radio broadcasts emanating from Arab sources, great play is being made of selected and distorted passages from the text of the report which has been made available for study to the Governments of Israel and Jordan. These items, wrenched out of context, are a deliberate attempt to prejudge the issue and create an atmosphere of tension with a view to creating a backwash of world opinion which, it is hoped, will influence the Commission in its deliberations. This is one reason why so much is made of allegations with regard to the alleged damage to Holy Places in Jordan territory.

'US Aid to Israel Cut For Financial Reasons'

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — It was a mistake to interpret every act of the U.S. Government as hostile to Israel, Mr. Ted Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, told Mapai Party officials here yesterday. The reduction of financial aid to Israel arose from financial and economic considerations, not from political ones, he said. Israel had received a total of $350m. in grant-in-aid and loans, which proved the goodwill of the U.S. Government.

As to the regional water project proposed by Mr. Johnston, Mr. Kollek said that the debate was on how the water was to be distributed, not on the aims and substance of the project. Israel agreed to discuss a project that provided water for Jordan, on condition that it would be used to settle Arab refugees in Arab states and that our sovereignty would not be infringed upon. Opinion in the U.S. held that a regional water project would create a change of heart in the Arab countries on the question of refugee settlement, and would bring a peace settlement nearer.

F.O.A. Frees $2.4m. For Oil to Israel

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). — The Foreign Operations Administration yesterday announced the authorisation of $2,400,000 to buy crude oil for Israel. The oil will be shipped from Trinidad and Curacao.

Israel also received an authorisation of $200,000 for white spirits, liquid petroleum products and paraffin.

UK Seen Prepared To Surrender Suez Base

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — "The Times" today publishes a lengthy letter signed jointly by Lords Hankey, Killearn, Rennel and Vansittart, protesting against the Government's reported intention to leave Egypt in sole control of the Suez Canal.

The signatories point out that Britain has inherited Turkey's obligations under the Suez Canal Convention of 1888, and that these obligations cannot be surrendered without affecting the interests of all those concerned with the Canal's peace-time use. It is also recalled that as late as 1947, this position was defended by Sir Alexander Cadogan as British spokesman before the Security Council.

Despite these and other protests which have multiplied in recent days, it seems fairly certain that the government has agreed to let Egypt have complete control of the base and consequently of the Canal. The civilian technicians supplied by Britain and other countries after the garrison's withdrawal, will be employed by Egypt and will not come under any British authority, military or civilian.

This is a bigger issue than that of uniforms or overalls, and one that has been carefully kept from the public. It is, however, beginning to filter through in messages from Cairo.

The interesting point about this arrangement is that it goes further than anything the Egyptians demanded last year and would have signed if the negotiations had not been endlessly spun out. Not only has the idea of maintaining 4,000 British technicians in or out of uniform, been abandoned, but Egypt is to administer the base with the help of civilian employees. The only *quid pro quo* is an Egyptian agreement that the base shall be reactivated if Turkey is threatened.

Against this background, the release of £10 million to Egypt yesterday is merely a formality. It remains to be seen whether the eventual agreement will include a clause binding Egypt to keep the Canal open in peacetime for ships of all nations, but in view of the familiar Egyptian quibble about there being no peace in the Middle East, it is doubtful whether even such a paragraph would have much effect so far as Israel is concerned.

Britain Frees £10m. For Egyptians

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).— Britain has released up to £10m. of Egyptian sterling balances due to be unblocked this year, the Treasury announced today.

News that Britain had released the sum was conveyed yesterday to the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzi, by the British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Ralph Stevenson.

The decision to make the release now is considered in diplomatic quarters here as a gesture designed to pave the way for the resumption of negotiations on the Suez Canal.

The sum of £5m. was made available to Egypt last January under a separate provision of the agreement.

Litani River Project Disclosed by FOA

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — The Foreign Operations Administration yesterday presented the Lebanese Government with a draft proposal for the development of the Litani River over a 25-year period at a cost of $97m.

The study was made by experts of the Administration's Bureau of Reclamation over three years, and is the "first complete study of the river's potentialities." It will be recalled that the development of the Litani River was also urged in the Israel-sponsored Cotton plan for the development of regional water resources in the area.

Soviet Protests to Iran

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).— The Soviet Ambassador in Teheran has protested to the Persian Government against "the proposed inclusion of Persia in a Middle East aggressive bloc." Moscow Radio reported tonight.

UN Members Told Of Desecration

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Israel today asked the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjoeld, to bring to the attention of the members of the world organization "information concerning the desecration by Jordan" of the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

In a letter to Mr. Hammarskjoeld, Mr. Mordecai Kidron, Deputy Permanent Delegate of Israel, wrote: "The Government of Israel desires to bring to the attention of the members of the United Nations information concerning the desecration by Jordan of the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives.

"Reliable information received by the Government of Israel furnishes conclusive proof of the extent to which the destruction and spoliation of the cemetery has proceeded.

"More than half the area of the cemetery has been stripped of all signs of its consecrated character. Tombstones have been completely destroyed or removed, and some part of the grounds show marks of ploughing. Some of the missing stones have reportedly been used in the construction of a cinema in Jericho. Most of the remaining tombstones are overturned and broken.

"The gravity of these acts of desecration and vandalism is accentuated by the exceptional character of the place where they have been committed."

Hussein, Glubb Leave Jordan Tomorrow

AMMAN, Saturday. — King Hussein today appointed a three-man Regency Council to rule the country during his three-week visit to Europe, which begins tomorrow.

The members of the Council are the President of the Senate, Ibrahim Hashem, Senator Abdurrahman Rashidat and a former Cabinet Minister, Suleiman Toukan.

The Old City daily, "Falastin," reported today that the commander of the Arab Legion, Glubb Pasha, was due to leave for Britain on long leave tomorrow.

(Reuter, NEARS)

Amity with Israel 'Important'—Dulles

WASHINGTON, Saturday (USIS). — Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles told Mr. Edward B. Lawson, U.S. Ambassador-designate to Israel, last Thursday that "it is extremely important to have friendly understanding" with Israel.

Mr. Dulles' comment was made at a ceremony at which Mr. Lawson took the oath of office as the next U.S. Ambassador to Israel.

"We have a very special relationship with the country to which you are going. It is extremely important to have friendly understanding," Mr. Dulles stated.

Mr. Lawson, whose previous post was Minister to Iceland, replied that he appreciated the importance of his new assignment and the confidence shown in him by the Secretary of State.

He expects to leave for Israel within a month or two. He is now engaged in consultations at the State Department to familiarise himself with his new duties.

Mr. Lawson, who was acquainted with the late U.S. Envoy to Israel, Mr. Monnett B. Davis, lauded his great integrity and honesty.

Livneh Not to Stand For Third Knesset

An announcement that he would not seek representation as a candidate for the third Knesset or on official bodies of the Mapai was made by Mr. Eliezer Livneh, M.K. at a meeting of the Mapai Central Committee in Tel Aviv on Thursday night.

Mr. Livneh said that for a generation he had always found himself in a peculiar ideological position in regard to his party. He had often adumbrated policies, which were received at first with violent opposition but which later were accepted by the Party.

In these circumstances, he felt that it would be better if he were to be released from formal obligations in order to develop and expound his views quite freely. It is understood that Mr. Livneh spoke for an hour explaining his case in detail, and that the discussion was of a very friendly and comradely nature.

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Worst Floods In Century Sweep Central Europe

MUNICH, Bavaria, Saturday. — The worst floods in a century are sweeping Eastern Bavaria and Austria. Floodwaters carried by the swollen Danube and its tributary, the Inn, have inundated the low-lying areas along the shores, making thousands of people homeless. Twenty persons have drowned.

The worst-affected town was Passau on the Austrian-German border at the confluence of the Danube, the Inn and the Ilz. One-third of the town is under water and a dangerous food shortage is reported as a result of the inundation of most of the bakeries.

Even in Northern Bavaria, where the danger is not so acute, the Danube river-fronts are under water.

In Austria, large parts of Linz, the capital of Upper Austria, are completely submerged, with the crest of the flood still approaching from the north-west. The power station was out of action and the radio station off the air. Communications with Vienna are virtually cut.

Houses Float Away

In Salzburg, further to the west, the city authorities are preparing to evacuate the low-lying parts of the town threatened by the swirling floodwaters of the Salzach, a tributary of the Inn.

Aerial observers reported complete two-story houses floating on the main rivers, many of them smashing against bridges threatening their already-weakened foundations.

Severe floods are also reported from Central Czechoslovakia, where the Moldava has burst its banks. According to Prague Radio, several big towns, including Pilsen and Budweis, are inundated.

The East German Government newspaper, "Neues Deutschland," claimed today that the floods have been caused by the American hydrogen bomb experiments in the Pacific. *(Reuter, UP)*

Senate Unit Passes Motion on China

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today formally approved a proposal asking President Eisenhower to confer with Congress if People's China was admitted to the U.N., and to make recommendations on changes in U.S. foreign policy.

The proposal was sponsored by the Republican floor leader, Senator William Knowland. The Senator stressed that his own view that America should leave the U.N. if China was admitted had not been modified by President Eisenhower's recent statement and he did not think that his ideas conflicted with those of the President.

At the same time, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Joseph Martin, expressed his confidence that President Eisenhower's policy would never permit People's China or any aggressor nation to "blast its way into the U.N." *(UP, Reuter)*

Mendes-France, Molotov Hold Urgent Conference

World Court Opinion On US Tests Sought

NEW YORK, Saturday. — The Indian delegate, Mr. Krishna Menon, submitted a draft resolution to the United Nations Trusteeship Council yesterday asking the General Assembly to test the legality of American hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific at the International Court of Justice.

He said that the Court should be asked for an opinion "as regards the legality of the use of a Trust territory for purposes which result in the destruction or disappearance of a part of the territory itself, and has grave adverse effects on the health of the population."

The Indian resolution also recommended that no more hydrogen or atomic tests should be carried out in Trust territory until the Court's opinion was received.

(The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Georgi Zarubin, today called at the State Department and was handed a note "dealing with atomic energy matters," a State Department spokesman said.)

Safety Assured

The American delegate on the United Nations Committee on Petitions declared today that "no stone will be left unturned" to safeguard the safety of the Marshall Island inhabitants in any future hydrogen bomb tests in the area.

The U.S. has offered unofficially to pay $1m. compensation for damages resulting from the Bikini H-bomb tests, Kyodo News Agency reported today in Tokyo. The offer was made to the Japanese Foreign Office. *(Reuter, UP)*

Senate Committee Cuts Aid Proposal

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted tentatively today to cut about 10% from President Eisenhower's request for $3,477,608,000 in new foreign aid funds this year.

The action is subject to final review next week after experts from the Committee and the Foreign Operations Administration, which administers the programme, confer on which specific items can be reduced.

US Surplus Farm Goods for Abroad

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower today signed a bill authorizing the disposal abroad of up to $1,000m.-worth of surplus farm commodities.

He said in a statement that it was intended to create new markets and to assist friendly nations.

Paris Asks US to End Boycott

GENEVA, Saturday (UP). — The French Premier M. Pierre Mendes-France, arrived in Geneva today, hunting a compromise with the Communists for an Indo-China "Peace with honour" but gravely worried that the U.S. boycott of the Conference might raise the price he must pay for a settlement.

Premier Mendes-France

In a race against time to meet his self-imposed July 20 deadline for a truce, the French leader went into conference immediately with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V.M. Molotov, and was expected to meet with the Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai, soon after his arrival early next week.

(France has appealed to Secretary of State Dulles to return to Geneva for the Indo-China conference or to send his Under-Secretary, Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, a State Department spokesman disclosed on Friday).

He said that he will talk to India's special envoy, Mr. Khrishna Menon, tomorrow. He will confer with Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, on Monday morning "to coordinate our action."

Vietminh sources here were at the same time hinting that their leader, Mr. Ho Chi Minh, might come to Geneva shortly to bolster up even further the top-drawer Communist contingent at a Conference where the U.S. so far is represented by a diplomatic second team.

Unusual Optimism

The Chinese and Russians are displaying unusual optimism for an early end to the eight-year old Indo-China war.

The French Premier was the second Minister to reach Geneva for the vital talks which in the next ten days will determine whether the fighting in Indo-China is to stop or whether the war is to be stepped up in the event of Communist intransigence.

Mr. Molotov, who was the first to leave Geneva a fortnight ago, was the first Foreign Minister to return last Thursday. He has since had talks with M. Mendes-France's top representative here, Ambassador Jean Chauvel, who leads the French delegation.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden has scheduled his arrival here for Monday noon, while Chou En-lai, now *en route* from Peiping, was expected here tomorrow evening or Monday.

The absence of a high U.S. representative, which is interpreted as an outright American boycott of the decisive phase of the Indo-China talks, is held as clear indication that the U.S. has decided to wash its hands of any settlement the French might be ready to conclude which does not tally with American principles.

In his nation-wide broadcast before he left Paris today, M. Mendes-France said he hoped that the "decisive" stage of the Geneva Conference would lead to peace.

Accord Reached On P-o-W Treatment

HANOI, Saturday. — The Indo-China cease-fire talks between French Union and Vietminh delegates at Trung-gia are reported to have resulted in a general agreement on the improvement of conditions of prisoners-of-war. It was also agreed that sick and wounded prisoners would be exchanged in groups.

Hanoi's citizens began fleeing the capital by the hundreds, as it was expected that any cease-fire agreement would include the evacuation of the city. Hundreds of others were reported to be making for the port of Haiphong.

Want Evacuation

In addition to the French citizens, it was believed that nearly one-third of the Vietnam population of the city wished to be evacuated.

Reports from Saigon, however, indicated that the Vietnam Government "would not consider itself bound" by the decisions taken at Trung-gia.

French bombers today attacked rebel forces massing round the Hanoi salient and chased out Communist vanguards who had captured four militia posts 35 kms. north of the city.

The Vietminh are trying to nibble away the weaker posts and to isolate the main strongpoints, a French spokesman said. But the 70,000 men forming the rebel pincers are still watching and waiting. "It is not a general attack yet," the spokesman added.

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Social & Personal

The Argentine Minister to Israel and Mrs. Margaret held a reception in Tel Aviv on Friday marking the 144th anniversary of Argentina's independence.

Mr. Haim Shadmi, Commercial Attaché to the Israel Legation in Turkey, left for Istanbul on Friday after conferring with commercial interests in this country.

Mr. Soichi Oya, correspondent of the "Shukan Asahi," the Tokyo newspaper, arrived by El Al on Friday for a short visit as part of his world tour.

A reception for Mr. Kim Borg, the Finnish baritone, now in Israel for performances of Verdi's "Requiem," was held on Friday by Mrs. T. I. Kaila, wife of the Finnish Charge d'Affaires, at her residence in Ramat Gan.

Mr. Nathan Bromberg of Radionic Transformer Co., Chicago, and Mrs. Bromberg, will be in Israel from July 12 to July 22 and can then be reached c/o Mr. I. Federman, Reading Station (P.O.B. 20), Tel Aviv.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Th. Cohen

The death is announced of Mrs. Therese Cohen, beloved wife of Major Kalman Cohen, M.B.E. The funeral will leave from the Government Hospital, Haifa, at 3.30 p.m. today for St. Luke's Church.

BOY KILLED

HADERA, Saturday. — A 16-year-old boy, Mordecai Sharabi, drowned in a pool in Moshav Ein Iron at noon on Thursday. He jumped into the pool from a height and hit his head on a stone.

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★ Exhibitions:—
Colour woodcuts by Jacob Steinhardt; sculptures by Rudolf Lehmann; frescoes and oils by Moshe Tamir; water colours by Alisa Peck. Exhibit of the month: Greek Pyxis, painted pottery bowl from the 6th century B.C.E. National Museum, Rehabil. 9-1, 3-6 p.m.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel Pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Yehudit Oren, Jerusalem Artist's House, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ Lectures:—
Dr. D. Zeltchek, "Research on the Planet Mars", 8.30 p.m., Lecture Hall, Weizmann Laboratories, Hebrew University, Talbieh.

Mr. Shmuel Divon, "France in the Middle East," under the auspices of the Israel Oriental Society, 8.15 p.m., Room 34, Terra Sancta.

Professor Moshe Davis, "The Appearance of American Judaism in its Formation," 8.30 p.m. Lecture Hall, Keren Hayesod.

★ Archaeology:—
Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba, including various finds from a Chalcolithic and Middle Bronze mass tomb near Tell Aswir, Rehov Shivtei Yisrael. Open 9-1, 4-6.

★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows:—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—
Paintings, sculptures, applied art by Bahara, Louise and Benaiel Schatz, Modern Mexican graphic art, ancient Mexican pottery, Museum, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ Theatres:—
"Pygmalion," at Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8.30 p.m.

Habimah, "Hadibuk," Habimah Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

Ha-La-La Theatre, Guest Singer Lea Feld with H. Aharoni, Sam Semely's Orchestra, 'Chol Shem' Hall, 9 p.m.

★ Entertainment:—
Concert at Noga Café from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.
Dance and dine at the Coconut Bar.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—
Works by pupils Bezalel School, Jerusalem — Applied graphic, Metal sheet, Embroidery and Weaving; also paintings by P. M. Shemi. — Municipal Museum of Modern Art, — Town Hall — 4-8 p.m. Closing July 12.

Paintings by Hosia Pechthelgits, Artist's House, 27 U.N.O. Avenue, opp. Cornelite Court, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatres:—
Do-Re-Mi: "Silva," The Charlie Princess, Hama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

NAHARIYA

★ Theatre:—
"Nora of Sjoern," 8.30 p.m.

LAW REPORT

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In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice.
Before Justices Cheshin, Goitein and Berinson.

Rabbi M. Y. Pollak, Applicant, v. Chief Rabbi I. H. Herzog and others. (H.C. 42/54).

NULLITY OF RABBINICAL COUNCIL ORDER.

The High Court made absolute an order nisi calling on the respondents to show cause why they should not withdraw their order debarring the applicant to appear as To'en (Pleader) and represent his clients before the Rabbinical Court in Jaffa-Tel Aviv and the Rabbinical Court of Appeal in Jerusalem, as he had done since 1947.

Some months ago, the Rabbinical Council, established under the Jewish Community Rules, 1938, rejected an application by Rabbi Pollak for renewal of his professional licence as to'en. From the proceedings in the High Court, it appeared that the Rabbinical Council considered the applicant's conduct in relation to the Rabbinical Courts and his clients, unworthy of the profession on various occasions.

The relief prayed for by the applicant was not the renewal of his licence, but withdrawal of the order debarring him from the Rabbinical Courts.

Rabbinical Council's Rules

It appeared that the respondents based their refusal to to renew the said licence on Rule 34 of the "Rules of Procedure before the Rabbinical Courts, 1943", which had been approved by the Chief Rabbinate and were observed before the Rabbinical Courts. Rule 34 provides that no person shall appear before the Rabbinical Courts as advocate or To'en unless he has obtained a licence from the Rabbinical Council, the licence to be renewed annually. The rule empowers the Rabbinical Council to suspend temporarily any licence granted or to withdraw it permanently.

On return day it was argued on behalf of the applicant that the Rabbinical Council had no authority to enact Rule 34, and that the Rule was null and void. It was further contended that the Rabbinical Council had entirely ceased to exist, and was therefore in no position to issue licences or to restrain any one from appearing before the Rabbinical Courts.

Decision

Justice Cheshin, in delivering the reasoned decision of the High Court, first analyzed the second argument advanced on behalf of the applicant, since, if that argument was correct, it disposed of the case. Citing Rule 3 of the Jewish Community Rules, 1928, which formed the legal basis for the establishment of the Rabbinical Council, the Justice reviewed the history of that body.

Rule 4(2) of the Jewish Community Rules provides that the Rabbinical Council shall consist of two Chief Rabbis, one of whom shall be a Sephardi and one an Ashkenazi, and six members, three of whom shall be Sephardim and three Ashkenazim. Rule 20 of the Election of Rabbinical Council Rules, 1936, provides that the Rabbinical Council is to be elected every five years; the first Council having been elected in 1936, new elections should have taken place in 1941. Because of World War II, the elections were postponed until 1945, the Council continuing in office by virtue of the Jewish Community (Rabbinical Council of Palestine) (Validation) Ordinance, 1945 until January 30, 1945, when new elections were held. The second elected Council, which should have held office until 1950, carried on after that date, no elections having been held in that year or there-after.

On June 26, 1953 the Knesset passed the Rabbinical Courts (Validation of Appointments) Law. Counsel for the respondents argued accordingly that, assuming given that the Council's position from 1950 until 1953 was questionable, from a legal point of view, its position was legalized retrospectively by this new law. Justice Cheshin rejected this argument, pointing out that the law in question, as amended in 1953, clearly validates the establishment of Rabbinical Courts and the appointment of their Judges only, but does not refer to the Rabbinical Council at all. Although section 7 of the Jewish Community Rules provides that the Rabbinical Council shall be the Court of Appeal in matters in which the Rabbinical Courts have jurisdiction, it would be wrong to identify the Council with the Rabbinical Court of Appeal or with the members constituing it, and to argue that, since the position of the Court and the Judges had been legalized, the position of the Council has also been legalized.

The Rabbinical Council, the Justice said, was a separate body, exercising, apart from its judicial functions, many quasi-judicial and administrative functions, set out in detail in the Jewish Community Rules. Additional proof for this evaluation of the position in law was to be found in the provisions of the Draft Bill of the Rabbinical Courts (Validation of Appointments) Law, 1952. Whereas Section 1(b) of the Draft Bill, published on March 24, 1952, defines "Rabbinical Court" as including the "Rabbinical Council" established under the Jewish Community Rules, no such definition is to be found in the law as passed by the Knesset, nor is any reference made there to the Council. Furthermore, whereas the Council consists of eight members, the Second Schedule of the Rabbinical Courts (Validation of Appointments) Law validates only the appointment of five judges of the Grand Court of Appeal.

Council Ceased to Exist

The only possible conclusion, therefore, was that the Knesset did not intend to validate the position of the Rabbinical Council, and that that Council no longer existed today. For that reason, the order nisi could not be made absolute against that body. However, Justice Cheshin left no doubt that any order made by the Council was null and void. Since no authority was in existence today who was in a position to issue the licence in question, clearly the applicant could not be required to produce such licence and could not, for that reason only, be prohibited from appearing before the Rabbinical Courts.

The High Court accordingly ordered Chief Rabbi Herzog and Rabbi Untermann to withdraw their orders debarring the applicant from their respective Courts.

The High Court deliberately refrained from deciding the question whether the applicant could be debarred from these courts by reason of conduct unworthy of the profession, since this was not the issue in this case, nor were all the parties, whose presence would be required for a decision on this question, before the Court.

Order made on June 30, 1954.

For the applicant: Mr. Kritzmann. For the respondents: Mr. M. Levanon.

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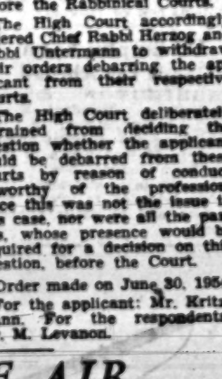

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Izhar Builds IL.1m. Plant

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Work on the new IL.1m. oil extraction plant, of the Izhar edible oil factory in Nahlat Itzhak near here, began this week, Mr. A. Lichtenstein, general manager of Izhar told Mr. P. Bernstein, the Minister of Commerce, who visited factories in the area last Thursday.

The extraction plant, which burned down three years ago, receives processed seeds from Turkey and extracts 9.5% of the 30% of oil remaining in them. The plant, one of the largest and most modern in the country, and one of the best in the world, has good export prospects for its edible oil, Mr. Lichtenstein said.

Mr. Bernstein also visited the Lapid ceramic work factory in Jaffa, which produces most of the country's sanitation appliances. Dr. W. Moseberg, the owner, and head of the ceramic section of the Manufacturer's Association, stated that a new factory owned by Sidel Bonah, and affiliated to his section, would begin production in Beersheba soon, and that export markets would be needed for the products. In reply to a question by the Minister, he said that his factory was now working at 60% of it capacity.

During the visit to the Levin-Epstein Lithography and printing press in Bat Yam, which prints all of the country's postal stamps, the Minister was told that the plant is operating at one-third of its capacity. The press has begun printing colour reproduction of artistic works.

South African Rabbis Conclude Course

A three-week seminar course for South African rabbis conducted by the Jewish Agency Department for Torah Education and Culture in the Diaspora came to an end last night in a farewell party in Jerusalem attended by Rabbi Z. Gold, Dr. H. Chamiel, and other members of the Department. The rabbis are due to return home today.

The visitors attended many lectures by outstanding Israel educators and religious leaders. They were conducted on tours of the Knesset, various Government Ministries, the offices of the Jewish Agency, and public institutions. A special feature of the course was a week's tour of the country during which points of special historical and religious interest were visited.

Participating in the course were the Reverends M. Horwitz, S. Kassel, S. Kiwelowitz, B. D. Melamed, H. J. Oleska, S. Orenstein, D. Pinn, I. Sudat and N. M. Rabinowitz.

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Friday's Press:

Johnston Report Far from Reality

Commenting on the Johnston statement, "Zmanim" (Progressive) says that optimism is a very good thing if it has some connection with reality. Not only are the "five points" far from a just basis for collaboration, but there is no agreement about them either between Israel and the Arabs (the latter refusing to cooperate), or between Mr. Johnston and Israel, or even between him and the Arab governments. The paper believes that certain circles in the State Department may be interested in creating the impression that the Arabs are willing to cooperate while the Jews persist in their intransigeant stand.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) regrets that Mr. Johnston unnecessarily spoke about the Huleh issue, which is not directly connected with his visit and his project and which is subject to a decision of the U.N. The paper also notes that Mr. Gardiner's statement has greatly detracted from the favourable impression gained by Mr. Johnston's report. If the former represents the official view of the State Department Mr. Johnston faces considerable difficulties not only in the Middle East, but at home as well.

Most papers feature special contributions about last week's incidents in Jerusalem and their political background. Writing in "Davar" (Histadrut) Michael Assaf reaches the conclusion that though simple nervousness on the Jordan side may have been a contributory factor it appears more likely that the shootings were the result of Anglo-Jordan cooperation in Amman. Mr. M. Begin, writing in "Herut" says that the Jordan attack in Jerusalem would have given Israel the perfect right to take the initiative — were it not for the traditional lack of daring shown by the government.

There are several reports on the visits of the Israel flotilla in the North-Eastern Mediterranean. "Davar" comments that this year's manoeuvres have shown considerable progress and stresses the political importance of these visits.

"The way to unity is yet open" says "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) in its leading article, pointing out that the main demand of the minority in the Party's Haifa conference was for freedom of expression — and this has been fully guaranteed. A working arrangement can be found, though not along the lines of the minority's "ultimatum." M. Bentov, the editor of "Al Hamishmar" reports in the same issue of the paper on the many difficulties a "mixed" editorial board has to face in producing the paper, and defends himself and "Hashomer Hatzair" against the charges of not having given the minority space to express its viewpoint.

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

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Lydda Airport	42	17	32	40
Jerusalem	36	20	34	40
Beersheba	38	19	36	42
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*At Standby at 4 p.m. (2) Mean sunny temp. (3) Maximum yesterday (4) Maximum temp. expected today

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A DRIVER, Herman Lenkoff, of Netanya, who insulted a policeman when stopped for a traffic offence, was fined IL.80 with the alternative of six weeks in prison by District Court Judge M. Kenneth in Tel Aviv on Friday. Lenkoff chose to pay the fine.

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A TRACTOR DRIVER of Gela, near Migdal Ashkelon, hit and seriously hurt Yehiel Givli, of the nearby moshav, Mish'an, on Thursday when Givli sought to prevent him from driving on his land. . . . YOSEF YANOVSKY, 74, of B'nei Brak, was hit by a delivery car and was seriously hurt at the corner of Rehov Yaffo-Tel Aviv, Rehov Barzilai, Tel Aviv on Friday. . . . MOSHE ASHMI, 37, was hit on Friday in Rehov Herzl, Tel Aviv, by a car reportedly driven at great speed by Zvi Schlesinger.

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A HAIFA bank manager is standing trial in the District Court for having practised medicine in 1952-53 without a license.

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A FIRE caused by an overturned kerosene stove in a hut in the Yad Hamavzir ma'abara near Tel Aviv on Friday night razed the hut and destroyed most of its contents. A family asleep in the hut at the time, were awakened only by the frantic shouts of neighbours. The occupants escaped without injury.

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DURING ONE month recently, the following goods were seized as they were being smuggled into the country, it is learned from an authoritative Government source in Jerusalem: 3,140 units of electric products; 1,300 units of household utensils; 2,800 units of perfumes; 2,600 metres of cloth; 1,540 units of silver products; 1,300 records; and 1,600 albums.

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FORTY-EIGHT owners of unlicensed boarding houses in Beersheba were fined IL.6 to IL.60 by the Beersheba Magistrate's Court on Friday and were ordered to apply for licences.

Speeding Customs Clearance

A new procedure has been instituted at Haifa Port to simplify the release of goods from the Customs and to ensure more efficient control over collection, it is learned from Treasury circles in Jerusalem.

The recipient of the goods now presents a completed import form, and the customs and purchase taxes are collected on the basis of this declaration, which is forwarded from unit to unit internally, without the recipient being present.

Examination of the goods themselves is made after payment, before they have left the Port.

Two units have been set up to execute the new procedure — one for processing the release of goods where the office check shows everything to be in order; the other, which will come in contact with the recipient, to clarify questions that have been raised in the course of the checking.

Imports During 1953 Totalled IL.250m.

Imports in 1953 totalled IL.250m., it is learned from a reliable Government source in Jerusalem. Industrial machinery accounted for 40% of this amount.

Receipts from customs and indirect taxation in the 1953/54 fiscal year were IL.95m., as compared with IL.84m. the previous year. Estimates for 1954/55 were IL.78m.

Fuel taxes amounted to IL.23.5m., cement taxes were approximately IL.9m., the excise on "intoxicating beverages, IL.7m., and on cigarettes, IL.13m.

Luxury taxes in this period brought IL.13m. into the Treasury, as compared with IL.12.6m. in 1952/53.

Iraqi Foreign Minister To Meet Byroade

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP) —The Iraqi Foreign Minister Fadhil el Jamali arrived here yesterday for talks with State Department officials. He may also meet the Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, and the Assistant Secretary of Near Eastern Affairs, Mr. Byroade.

The Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zaffrullah Khan, has meanwhile left Washington after talks with Mr. Dulles. Before his departure, he expressed the hope that American military equipment would be sent to Pakistan as quickly as possible.

OIL RIG ON WAY TO ISRAEL

HOUSTON, Texas, Saturday (UP). — A crew of veteran Texas oil drillers, employed by the Pontiac Petroleum Ltd., of Calgary, Canada, will leave for Israel by KLM at the end of the month in order to be on hand when the company oil rig arrives in the country.

The equipment is at present being loaded on the American-Israel line freighter, Louzilla, for shipment to Tel Aviv. The rig is capable of drilling to a depth of 9,000 ft. The work will be carried out in the Hadera area.

Planning to Hold Knesset, Congress Elections Simultaneously

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Government will consider a suggestion to hold the next Knesset elections simultaneously with those to the Zionist Congress, the Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Rokach, stated yesterday at a Press conference. Both elections fall due next summer, and holding them at the same time would underscore that a link existed between Israel and world Jewry, he said. The date for the Knesset elections has not yet been fixed, Mr. Rokach said adding that there was no wish on the part of the Government to hold municipal elections earlier.

The Government is to consider drafting a law rescinding the voting rights of the 24,000 persons who opted out of citizenship, Mr. Rokach announced.

The Knesset, he said, would shortly (before its summer recess) debate the problem of restricting the non-Hebrew Press. Various suggestions had been proposed to this end, but, Mr. Rokach thought, none should be employed, as time would cure the "malady." He stated that he was all for the freedom of speech and of the Press, and he was certain that the young generation would not read foreign language newspapers. He added that signs of decline in the non-Hebrew Press were already to be seen. At the beginning of this year, there were 117 publications in languages other than Hebrew, out of a total of 362, and at present there were only 98. If Arabic and Yiddish publications were to be deducted, since Mr. Rokach thought that they could not be considered foreign languages, then 33 remained, Mr. Rokach pointed out, adding that the total circulation of Hebrew and non-Hebrew publications was about equal. He thought it regrettable that the law did not restrict the right to receive a licence to launch a newspaper or a periodical. All that was needed was that the applicant have a secondary school education and give the name of his printing press.

Free Secondary Education

Speaking on local authorities, Mr. Rokach said that a law is being prepared by his Ministry and the Ministry of Education which would grant free secondary education to every youth in Israel if he showed capability.

The Minister stated that he had prepared a development budget for all local government authorities involving IL.48m. over a period of three years. Of the first IL.22m. he had demanded from the Treasury, he expected to receive only IL.5m., he said, adding that the lack of credit for development projects was one of the greatest handicaps of local authorities.

On 20 Tamuz (July 21), the Herzl-Bialik anniversary, the Government would proclaim the beginning of a Hebrew Study Year, during which it is hoped to add 150,000 persons to those knowing Hebrew.

Mr. Rokach expressed his personal opinion that the post of City Manager was not necessary in Israel and that the post of Town Clerk was redundant. The latter, he considered, had been obsolete even during the Mandate. Both posts were unnecessary, as the Mayor in Israel usually held his post for a number of years — unlike those in other countries. He should therefore be the "boss" of his council and city or village.

Kaiser-Frazer To Make Car Bodies

HAIFA, Saturday. — Kaiser-Frazer here will soon make car bodies and chassis when two metal presses of 350 and 600 tons brought in from the U.S. are installed, Mr. Y. Goldfarb, the firm's production manager, stated here today.

Factory space to house the new equipment is now being constructed on a 30-dunam site adjoining the assembly plant. About 30 men will be employed to operate the presses, which will turn out cars for use here and for export.

In four to six months two presses of 800 and 1,000 tons will be brought in, and pressing work will be undertaken on a larger scale both for Kaiser-Frazer's own needs and for other local industries.

"This is another step towards an automobile industry here. Body and chassis making will save another 15% of what is now spent on cars from abroad," Mr. Goldfarb said.

NAVAL FLOTILLA LEAVES TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Saturday (INA).— The Israel frigates Mivtah, Misgav and Mimak left Istanbul last night after a two-day visit. During that time, the commander of the flotilla, Aluf Mishne Shlomo Erel, called on the Mayor of Istanbul, Fakhretin Gooksy, and the Commander of the Turkish Navy, Admiral Ridvan Koral, who also visited the Mivtah.

The Turkish authorities held a reception for the Israel crews, and the sailors paraded through the streets of the city to lay a wreath at the Monument of the Republic in Taksim Square, the centre of modern Istanbul, amid the acclamation of the population.

Thousands of people inspected the Israel warships, and the Turkish Press welcomed the visit with front-page articles praising Israel-Turkish friendship.

'Without Histadrut, State Would Have Been Stillborn'

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. Bruce McDaniel, the outgoing chief of the USOM in Israel, called on Mr. Mordecai Namir, Secretary General of the Histadrut, at the Va'ad Hapoel building here yesterday, to say goodbye. Mr. McDaniel was accompanied by Miss Margaret Plunkett, labour economist to the USOM.

Mr. McDaniel said that he was sure that without the Histadrut, the State of Israel would never have come into existence. He praised the part played by the Labour Federation in the development of the country.

Upon his return to the U.S., he said, he would refute the widespread, but untrue rumour, that the Histadrut demanded 51 per cent participation in new enterprises in Israel established by foreign investors.

The members of the Workmen's Circle delegation from the U.S. now touring Israel were the guests of the Va'ad Hapoel yesterday.

They were greeted by Mrs. Beba Idelson and Mr. Reuven Barkatt, and were shown round Beit Lessin, which was built with the help of funds contributed by the Workmen's Circle, the Histadrut School for Adults in north Tel Aviv, the Working Women's Club in Holon, and workers' housing quarters.

The delegation is headed by Mr. Herman Waskow, official of the Printing Workers' Union in New York.

Burmese Interested In Monastery Co-ops

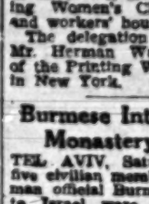
TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The five civilian members of the 15-man official Burmese delegation to Israel were guests of the Commercial and Industrial Club at its weekly luncheon here yesterday. They were introduced by Aluf Mishne Isser Fas, director of the Supply Division of the Ministry of Defence.

The head of the delegation, Mr. Aung Min, who is in charge of the Department for Social Welfare and Aid in the Burmese Ministry of Rehabilitation, said that they had come here to study Israel's struggle for economic independence and this country's social philosophy. The Burmese Government was interested in establishing cooperative farms like those in Israel but centred on the Buddhist monasteries, he added.

Levin Elected Aguda Chairman

Rabbi I.M. Levin, of Israel, was chosen as chairman of both the Executive and the Central Council *(Va'ad Hapoel Ha'olami)* of Agudat Yisrael by the Fourth World Congress *(Knessia Gedola)* of the organization at its closing session early on Friday morning. Mr. Menahem Porush, Aguda spokesman, announced.

Israel is to supply 30 members of the 65-man Central Council, Europe 17, and other countries, 18.



Rabbi Levin

The 11-man Executive is chosen from members of the Central Council.

Among the resolutions carried early on Friday morning, were those calling on Israel to work through the U.N. for access to the Holy Places in Jordan; calling on the U.N. to forbid the shipment of arms to any country maintaining a state of war with Israel; and calling for the establishment of a neutral body to distribute Reparations to organizations which are not members of the Jewish Agency.

In reply to a query, Mr. Porush said that the post of Political Secretary, formerly held by Mr. N.A. Goodman, of London, had been abolished, but that Mr. Goodman had been chosen as a member of the Central Council.

(Ittim)

Mr. Goodman denied to *The Jerusalem Post* last night that his position in the movement had been abolished.

Policeman Charged With Taking Bribe

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A sergeant of the economic branch of the Tel Aviv District Police will face a disciplinary court on a charge of accepting a bribe, the police spokesman announced yesterday.

Another sergeant, Aharon Abadi, responsible for investigations at the Karkur Police station, has been cleared of a similar charge.

The accusation against the Tel Aviv sergeant was brought by a woman who alleged that she had bribed him to "forget" an offence committed about two years ago. When she was recently brought to trial she implicated the policeman.

8 INJURED IN CRASH

HAIFA, Saturday. — Eight persons were injured, two of them seriously, when a taxi collided with a bus on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road, near Samir (south of Haifa) this afternoon. The two badly injured are Suleika Adasi of Givat Olga, whose child was slightly hurt, and Yosef Libba, of Haifa. Both were taken to the Rambam Hospital.

13 YOUTH CENTRES for some 1,300 youths between the ages of 14 and 17 have been established in various parts of the country, the Ministry of Education and Culture announced yesterday.

Tie Score After 117 Minutes of Play

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Ephraim Rubinstein Football Cup final game between Petah Tikva Maccabi and Jaffa Maccabi on the Hapoel pitch in Jaffa ended without score after 117 minutes this afternoon. The Football Association will now have to decide which team is to receive the cup.

The game was extended for a further 30 minutes after 90 minutes of play, but was stopped by the referee three minutes before the end when

POLICE ATTACKED

In a brawl following the football match, three policemen were severely injured this evening and were admitted to hospital.

Several other persons sustained slight injuries, and a strong police force which intervened detained seven of the combatants.

Zohar, of Petah Tikva Maccabi, was ordered off the field but refused to leave following a quarrel between the two teams.

The game was watched by some 10,000 spectators, many of them Bulgarians, as the Jaffa team is composed of immigrants from Bulgaria.

The Petah Tikva team had a slight advantage over their opponents, but neither side managed to score. During the second half, the referee refused to recognize a "goal" scored by Jaffa Maccabi, claiming that the ball had not passed over the goal line.

In Jerusalem, North Tel Aviv Maccabi beat the YMCA 9:0 in a tennis match today.

Maccabi to Build Sports Village

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday.— The Maccabi World Union expects to set up a IL.1.5m. Maccabi sports village for the use of Jewish youth throughout the world, Mr. A. Netanel, President of World Maccabi, said here yesterday, prior to his departure for Paris. He is to participate in a meeting of Maccabi's world executive at which the establishment of the village will be the main item on the agenda.

The suggestion is that each of the 30 countries in which Maccabi has branches should be responsible for one building in the village. Both the Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan municipalities were willing to allot 70 to 80 dunams of land for the purpose, Mr. Netanel stated.

"BADEH" COMES IN FIRST

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Alfasi boat race (named after the port police officer lost at sea a year ago while on duty) from Acre to Rosh Hanikra (12 miles) was won by Hapoel's "Yitzhak Sadeh," in 144.30 minutes. "Menahem Kaufmann" (Hapoel Tel Aviv) was second, and "Chanael" (Zvulon) third.

Arabs to Register For National Service

The Minister of Defence, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, has decided to complete the carrying out of the National Service Law, by having the Ministry complete the registration of those sections of the population who have not yet been required to do so.

The Jerusalem Post reported on June 20 that Arab males would be required to register for National Service.

An order is soon to be circulated requiring the recording of all persons born between September 10, 1934, and March 19, 1937, and offices for this purpose will be opened by the end of the month.

Registrations may be accepted at special branches of the Manpower Division of the Enlistment Office in the Military Governors' Offices in the Triangle, the Negev and other Minorities' centres.

Cologne Court Jails 3 Gestapo Men

COLOGNE, Saturday (Reuter). — A Cologne court yesterday passed hard labour sentences of from one to three years on three former Gestapo men for their part in the deportation of 12,000 Cologne Jews between 1941 and 1943. It was stated that only 300 of the deportees survived.

Kurt Maschke got two years and Franz Sprinz three years for unlawful arrest with fatal consequences. Emanuel Schaefer was sentenced to one year for unlawful arrest.

ARNONA CLAIMS

The Arnona Levy Administration received 5,360 claims, totalling IL.12.2m., up to March 31, 1954.

Nasser Visits Empty Tomb

Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Prime Minister of Egypt, visits the excavations at Sakkara and inspects the recently discovered tomb believed to be that of an ancient king—but which—when opened — was found to be empty. (Express Photo)

'Rescue Work Not Collaboration'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Tens of thousands, perhaps a hundred thousand Jews could have been saved if Dr. Kastner had stopped collaborating with the Nazis at the beginning of June, 1944 and had helped me in appealing to world opinion," Mr. Moshe Krause told the Jerusalem District Court in his concluding testimony on Friday. Four other witnesses were called, among them Dr. Moshe Bar-Zvi (Schweiger), former head of the Hagana in Hungary, who was recalled to the witness stand to clarify points of his previous testimony in March.

Mr. Krause, head of the former Palestine Office in Budapest, was being questioned by Dr. Benjamin Halevi, President of the District Court, in the Greenwald libel trial. Mr. Malkiel Greenwald is on trial for having libelled Dr. I. Kastner in a newssheet by saying that he had collaborated with the Nazis. Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney General, appeared for the State, and Mr. Shmuel Tamir, for Mr. Greenwald.

Mr. Krause reiterated that the cessation of the deportations between July 2 and 8, 1944, was a reaction to the "Auschwitz Protocol" of June 19, 1944, which he distributed among neutral legations and active Zionists.

On June 27, the U.S. protested to Hungary. That country decided to override German opposition and to stop the deportations.

The witness claimed that if Dr. Kastner had placed at his (Krause's) disposal his monetary resources and contacts, work through the foreign legations could have been started much earlier.

Two Choices

Mr. Krause claimed that only two choices were open to Jewish leaders: to appeal to world opinion and intervention after March 19, 1944, when the Germans overran Hungary, or to organize resistance before this date. Even passive resistance would have helped tremendously even after the Nazis came, since the Germans preferred to prevent an open clash in sight of the Hungarians.

Dr. Halevi questioned the witness at length on his definition of collaboration. Mr. Krause said that he called a collaborator "a person who acted with the enemy against the best interests of his people." He added that to work with the Nazis to save Jews—and to fail—was not collaboration but a tragedy. The operative factor was intent. A person who worked with the Nazis knowing (as Dr. Kastner did) that they were exploiting him for their own despicable deeds, was a collaborator.

Dr. Bar-Zvi acknowledged that the contents of a letter dated "May 8, 1945, Weissenbach," were similar to those he had written in a letter of recommendation to Standartenfuhrer Kurt Becher, a Nazi, although he had written the original letter in English. (Dr. Kastner testified for Becher after the War.)

He admitted that he knew only of Becher's "good deeds" from Becher himself. He said that he signed the letter when he was in a "deplorable physical and mental condition" after his release from the Mauthausen concentration camp. He signed because if "Becher told the truth, he should be helped. If he lied, it was best to know he was in Weissenbach."

He also signed other testimonials for Becher.

Becher gave him a suitcase containing "gold, jewels and platinum." He also gave him some documents and a sack of money saying that it was his private property.

Dr. Bar-Zvi threw both into the same suitcase, and with Mr. Martin Sternberg (who was released from Mauthausen with him) surrendered the suitcase the next day to the American C.I.D. He never heard that the contents were valued at eight million Swiss francs, but he did remember a figure, 120,000 — but he could not recall whether it was dollars or francs.

Of the other witnesses, Mr. Meir Mannheim, unemployed, of Jerusalem, said that he paid $10,000-$12,000 in gold and diamonds for places for himself, his wife and two children on the Bergen-Belsen rescue train. His son, however, was abducted and killed.

The trial continues today.

ATTACKED BY MOB

Seven Avraham Hos of the Military Governor's office in Nazareth was severely beaten yesterday afternoon by Communist youths who demonstrated in the town.

According to the police, the incident occurred when Seven Hos, who was wearing civilian clothes, passed a street with his jeep where about 30 members of the Communist Party were demonstrating. They refused to make way for him and attacked him when he tried to go on. The police was called to the scene by passers-by and arrested seven persons.

ZVI BARZILAI, 55

KFAR SABA, Saturday. — The death took place on Friday night of Zvi Yehuda Barzilai, manager of the Ra'anana Haiva'a Vehiscahon Bank, at the age of 55. The deceased was deputy chairman of the Local Council and head of its financial institutions for 12 years. The funeral will take place at 5:30 tomorrow afternoon from the Ra'anana Histadrut House.

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Turkey to Import Alliance Tires

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Turkish Government has just issued import licences for $600,000-worth of tires from the Alliance factory in Hadera, after it had previously rejected such licences, Mr. Bar Kochba Meeuwitch, managing director of Soleeor, told the *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview yesterday.

Soleeor, the sister company of Koor, the holding company of Solel Boneh enterprises, deals with marketing and purchasing. Mr. Meeuwitch has just returned from a visit to Turkey, where, in addition to the sale of tires, he had obtained orders for $300,000-worth of glass from the Phoenicia factory, $50,000-worth of door and window fittings, $30,000-worth of electric fans, and $80,000-worth of safety glass, and sanitary ware for $20,000 from Harsa in Beersheba. All these orders, he said, were agreed upon at the beginning of the year, but the Turkish Government had only issued licences for them after personal intervention.

$28m. of Reparations For Merchant Fleet

HAIFA, Saturday. — A total of $28m. out of German Reparations funds is to be spent during the next three years on the purchase of 12 new ships for the merchant marine, according to a Government decision last week. The Zim Navigation Company is to buy seven of them, the Board of Directors has decided. The Minister of Communications, Mr. Y. Saphir, has agreed to underwrite a loan to Zim to cover the cost.

The first stage of the overall order calls for the construction by German shipyards of one 9,000-ton 300-passenger and cargo ship, and three 7,000-ton fruit carriers. Delivery of these vessels is to begin this year.

In the second stage, eight ships will be built for delivery between 1956 and 1957. They include a second passenger-cargo ship, one 9,000-ton vessel for 550 passengers, another fruit carrier, two oil tankers, two 1,500-ton freighters for coastal traffic and a refrigeration vessel.

HUNGARY TO SEND HORSES FOR CITRUS

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday— Mr. Tibor Sandor, representative of the Foreign Trade Company in Hungary, a firm controlling foreign trade on behalf of the Government, left by El Al yesterday favourably impressed by the industrial level of this country.

He said that he was very surprised at the degree of industrialization achieved. He had carried out purchases for about $200,000-worth of razor blades, citrus and citrus by-products. Hungary is to send agricultural machinery, rice and at least 1,000 horses to the same value, two states.

Cables in Brief

TOSHIDA. — Tokyo police yesterday arrested a Japanese who admitted that he had been trying to assassinate the Premier, Mr. Toshida.

RESEARCH. — The West German parliament yesterday ratified an agreement to join the European Organization for Nuclear Research — a 12-nation body — which will soon start operations.

EXPORT-IMPORT. — The U.S. Senate on Friday approved legislation expanding the loan authority of the Export-Import Bank in an attempt to increase world trade through credit rather than aid.

TRUMAN. — Ex-President Harry Truman left hospital in Kansas City yesterday, 18 days after he had been admitted for a gall bladder and appendix operation.

JULIANA. — Queen Juliana of the Netherlands flew to London yesterday for a week-end visit.

THAILAND. — Bangkok police yesterday seized a secret radio station which had been transmitting news to China.

ILYUSHIN. — Russia's top aircraft designer, M. S. V. Ilyushin, has been awarded the Order of Lenin, the highest Soviet decoration.

PHILATELIST. — John Wallace, reputed to have the largest wholesale stamp dealing business in the world, has died at Bournemouth, England. He was 82.

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THE five points put forward by Mr. Johnston as summarizing the position reached in connection with the regional water scheme reveal not so much what has actually been achieved as what is going on in the mind of President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East.

WATERING DOWN

No one in Israel will quarrel with at least three of Mr. Johnston's points. That the waters should be shared equitably has always been Israel's contention, and the Cotton Plan, elaborated at the request of the Israel Government, is by its own merit and comparison with the Main Plan and the Arab plan a telling demonstration of this. That it should lead to a partial settlement of the Arab refugee problem is also an aim which the Israel Government would emphatically endorse, not alone out of humanitarian motives but because there can be no prospect of peace in the Middle East so long as the Arab States channel into wrong hands the funds designed to benefit Arab refugees and keep alive the problem of these unfortunates — which they themselves created by their wanton aggression upon Israel six years ago — as political club with which to belabour Israel.

Mr. Johnston's call for an early understanding to permit work to start is echoed by Israel whose work on the Jordan hydroelectric project is still being held up by technical factors outside the scope of the present discussion but upon which Mr. Johnston has nevertheless expressed an opinion indicating that it might be advisable for Israel to defer action at the moment. It is obvious that Israel cannot agree to the proposition that work of development within its sovereign boundaries is subject to the agreement of an outside power, Syria in this case.

On the fourth issue of an impartial international authority being set up there is no complete understanding; it were far better for the matter to be left to the territories immediately concerned. The suggestion that the use of Lake Kinneret at some time in the future be considered openmindedly by all parties may not be as innocuous as it sounds. The Arab plan, to which Mr. Johnston seems to incline, would seem to wish to ensure that the main storage reservoir be on the Yarmuk within Arab territory. This would give the Arabs virtual control over the allocation of the water; they also want both the projected power stations to be in Arab territory.

In view of all this one cannot avoid the conclusion that other considerations than a fair distribution of the water are to be discerned in the matter, jogging the elbow of Mr. Johnston and marring the candid clarity of his script. The Main Plan was not acceptable to Israel in that it did not take into account the use of the waters of the Litani River and so prevented the fullest development of the whole region. Under that scheme Jordan would have been able to irrigate 490,000 dunams, Israel 416,000, Syria 30,000 and Lebanon nil. The Cotton Plan, as devised by Israel, would have given Jordan the same amount of actual irrigated land, Israel (including the Gaza strip) 1,790,000 dunams, Syria 30,000 dunams and Lebanon 350,000. The Arab scheme gives Jordan the same, Israel only 234,000 dunams, Syria 119,000 and Lebanon 35,000. The Litani, whose waters largely run to waste, is not taken into account.

Curiously enough, the whole scheme takes no account of the interests of Britain in the area. One wonders whether the scheme takes on this unilateral complexion because it has something of the nature of an extension of Point Four aid, with the difference that it affects, in this instance, a whole region rather than each country individually.

The Week in the Knesset

Debate on Shooting Missed Giving Policy Lead

By GERDA LUFT

THE Knesset debate on the shooting in Jerusalem last week could have fulfilled three purposes: it could have afforded the Government the chance to tell the House what really happened during those three days and perhaps to give its view of the situation. It could have served as an opportunity for another discussion on foreign policy. It might have served to give a lead to the country and to inform the world about the mood in Israel.

Instead, what developed after Mr. Lavon's introduction was not a debate on foreign policy, if by this we mean a careful analysis of our position in relation to the outside world. The Knesset indulged in a spate of speech-making which was as uninhibited as it was careless of the consequences. To put the whole thing in a nutshell, the debate on Mr. Lavon's statement turned into a propaganda meeting in which self-laudatory utterances alternated with wholesale accusations against all the world powers and the instruments of the United Nations.

It cannot be denied unfortunately, that Mr. Lavon set the tone when he included in his statement the strange sentence that we would give the Observers their last chance to show their objectivity. Such a statement, made by the Minister of Defence in the tense atmosphere of Jerusalem, could not fail to provide a dangerous lead. Mr. Lavon must have realized that many speakers in the Knesset had gone too far when at the end of the debate he rose to point out, among other things, that he knew at least one man among the armistice Observers who had risked his life in trying to rescue Jews under Hitler. But then this attempt to restore some levelheadedness to the proceedings came only when it was all over.

It would perhaps be easier to look back on last week if we could at least state that the performance of the House made good propaganda, but the truthful observer must admit that the show did not succeed. The House was attentive and full only during the introduction of the Minister of Defence. It was half-empty during the debate that followed. Except for Mr. Lavon, most of the Ministers were absent during the discussion. And the Knesset lacked the earnestness which is to be observed when members are keyed up for a special occasion.

The Jerusalem flare-up seems to have been handled by the Government as if it had been a purely military question. But few questions touch our foreign policy as closely as Jerusalem, and here a lead given by the Prime Minister in this capacity or as Foreign Minister would have been appropriate. Mr. Sharett's intervention at some point of the debate was awaited, in vain, in several quarters.

The participants in the debate acted as if Israel had to stand alone in a hostile world. This mood was not confined to the extremist parties, and it is a dangerous state of mind, as the Prime Minister has pointed out more than once. Endorsed by Parliament, it may lead to irresponsible acts and made political action even more difficult for Israel than at present. Today, even big empires can no longer ignore the attitude of other states, as the United States is finding out.

The restriction of plenary sessions to one a day has given the committee more leisure, and they have already availed themselves of it during this first week of the new arrangement. It remains to be seen whether it might not be a further improvement to move both Plenary sessions to the afternoon, lessening the present interval from Monday afternoon to Tuesday night for members who do not have to attend committee sessions, and leaving the evenings open for committees, which are easier to assemble.

ISRAEL PAINTINGS IN NEW YORK

ONE hundred and twenty Israel paintings have recently been exhibited in New York at the "Foreign Arts Gallery." The proprietor, Mr. Maurice Yodido, a former department store owner, has been an ardent picture collector for many years and is now turning his hobby into a profession. He plans to meet the demands of what he calls the "middle class public who like representational art" and here he purchased, among others, works by Allweil, Aschheim-Lange, Eisenscher, Blass, Zulkis, Vitkon and Vandenberg. *S.W.*

MUSICAL DIARY

IN its all-Beethoven programme under Heinz Freudenthal on Tuesday night, the Kol Yisrael Orchestra played very well. The "King Stephan" overture was performed pleasantly, and the Second Symphony was inspired and lively. Twenty-two-year-old Amiram Rigai, home after four years in the U.S., gave a thoughtful and genuine reading of the Third Piano Concerto. He possesses a virile touch and great technical resources.

The hall was half empty. Whether it was because the fare was too heavy for the summertime or because our city is getting tired of Beethoven and Schubert, the pillars of its musical life, we do not know.

Vienna's "Die Presse" happily notes that at least 60 per cent of the music performed in Israel was written by Austrian composers. Too much of a good thing can be ruinous, and we were not thrilled by the promotion of Beethoven to the status of honorary Jew when the Kol Yisrael Orchestra dedicated one of its Month of Jewish Music programmes exclusively to his works.

We learn time and again from Sabra students that "Bettoven" — "and perhaps Brahms" — are the only composers worth listening to besides Bach. So this is the pass to which "educational" programmes have brought us! Wanting to instill musical values in our youth, our conservatives have neglected the fact that art is the foremost expression of the development of mankind, that today's values are better rendered by the form, the rhythm and the colour — or the humour — of today's music, which is, by the way, primarily French, Slavic, Italian and American. The technically polished but entirely emotionless recent performance of the "Rasoumovsky" Quartet by the American LaSalle Quartet was a case in point.

FRANGO

I.P.O. in Rishon

AT the second subscription concert of the Israel Philharmonic, under Ferenc Fricsay in Rishon Le Zion, the orchestra and the soloist singers were noticeably tired from two weeks of exhausting rehearsals and performances of the Verdi Requiem. And you could tell that this was the twelfth time that the I.P.O. played Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony in four weeks.

What had brought me to Rishon was the singing of Frances Yeend and Gabor Carelli, who filled the whole second part of the programme with arias and duets from Verdi's "La Traviata" and Puccini's "La Boheme." The coloratura arias of "La Traviata" gave Frances Yeend an opportunity to demonstrate her sound technical groundwork and virtuosity, but she gained her true power of expression and her ringing timbre in the calm cantilenas of Puccini's "Mimi." Carelli, obviously indisposed (the tenors are the first victims of our summer climate) produced some beautiful "open" and falsetto tones in the "Traviata" duets as well as in Rodolfo's "Che gelida mamina," but occasionally his intonation was inexact, and he intelligently avoided the last high tone of the "Boheme"-duet. As a whole the performance of both artists including their natural deportment on the stage were enchanting.

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Abroad

The singing of Shoshana Shoshan in the American premiere of Richard Strauss's last opera, "Capriccio," earned the praise of "Musical America"

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Seven trains will be run daily in either direction, and when the new Diesel-electric railcars arrive, they will cover the run in 75 minutes. These cars can be operated independently under their own power or in chains of three cars, each set seating about 280 passengers.

The new station is connected with the North Tel Aviv Terminal by the recently completed extension which spans the Yarkon River. At a later stage, the waters of the Wadi Musrara are to be diverted, and the new station will be linked directly with the old Tel Aviv Central Terminal.

Photo by Schlesinger

Service for Diplomats

By NORA BELOFF

TO the outside world in the past few weeks the word "Geneva" must have conjured up one of the greatest international turning-points of our time, a major conference where history is being written.

But the real Geneva, in its wonderful setting of lake and mountains, is a businesslike little city which has seen conferences before, will doubtless see them again, and meanwhile has to go on making a living.

That is why every decision of a foreign government affecting the watch trade attains dramatic significance: Switzerland balances its accounts by exporting watches and importing tourists, or, simpler still, by selling watches to tourists.

Geneva, with a population of fewer than 150,000, in the peak of a tourist season, which stretches from April to September, takes in some 27,000 visitors a month. This year business slumped not only for weather reasons — though these would surely have been enough — but also because all the best hotels with fine views over Lake Geneva and Mont Blanc are either full or assumed to be full of delegates and pressmen.

The tourists have therefore been by-passing Geneva, and the hotels, instead of having a customary average turnover every four days, which means a constant flow of new potential buyers of watches and other specialities, have seen the same dour faces for weeks on end. The minority of delegates who happened to want to buy watches will have long since done so.

Commercially, the conference has been particularly unrewarding as it is almost exclusively male: the delegates do nothing but work, and their wives, who might be filling idle hours succumbing to shoppers' temptations, have been discreetly left in the home country.

The city did its best to make the conference feel at home: for the journalists it disbursed money and efforts to provide within record time a five-storey Press house, reconstructed out of three empty adjacent shops and fully fitted with telephone booths, telegraph services, private and collective work rooms, conference halls and an information bureau. From here, millions and millions of words were daily transmitted to the outside world with clockwork efficiency which pressmen saluted as "typically Swiss."

The city went on losing the equivalent of several thousand pounds a week in maintenance costs right through the conference even though it rented the bar in the lobby on a percentage-commission basis to a private firm and journalists were paying one shilling and fourpence for a cup of tea, two and six for an orange juice, and nine and six for a whisky.

Geneva Notebook

Geneva also went out of its way to satisfy the diplomats. The Metropole, which had been a relief hotel belonging to the city and opened only in emergencies to deal with overflows, was redecorated, refitted and made more luxurious to accommodate the Russian delegation. As the largest of all the delegations it was the only one which managed to get a hotel all to itself. At the peak of strength it numbered 300, against a Chinese maximum of 200 and scarcely more than 70 North Koreans or British.

For the Swiss organizers, the main embarrassment was the new-fangled notion, completely unknown to pre-war Geneva conferences, that senior delegates must also be provided with luxury villas outside the town. The owners of these desirable properties were, for the most part, not averse from renting them out for reasonable returns to respectable bourgeois tenants: but when it came to letting the use of home and furniture to mysterious Communist personages, the members of the Genevan municipal government itself had to be called on to set the example.

A Soviet advance party flatly turned down the offer of an 1890 country house for Mr. Molotov as "neither modern nor historic" and — under the threat that if nothing could be done the conference might have to be held elsewhere, a senior Government official offered his exquisite 18th century villa. This was accepted and redecorated, but in the end Mr. Molotov chose to live in the Soviet delegation's headquarters inside town.

Mr. Chou En-lai, on the contrary, made full use of his villa of Mont Fleuri, which the Chinese had ordered lavishly refurbished inside and outside before his arrival to create an impression of the maximum munificence. As this fine property has a park of 11 hectares, and as the Chinese are even more security-minded than the Russians, Mont Fleuri's protection has presented the Swiss police with its biggest problem. Finally, barbed wire has been installed round three sides of the garden, and the front is permanently illuminated with searchlights against unsolicited visitors.

As there are only 450 policemen in all Geneva, and as the conference needs a force of 500 to protect it, call has had to be made on the Swiss Citizens' Army: an efficient scheme was arranged whereby reserve conscripts during their annual three-week refresher courses, have been given two weeks of military manoeuvre in the Jura Mountains and one week guarding the villas and hotels.

Fear, which has been the dominant feature of the conference, is entirely alien to a city which can hardly remember what wars are like. The people of Geneva laugh to hear that Mr. Molotov has the fuel for his private plane flown all the way from Moscow, and they are immensely amused at the heavily armoured, five-ton limousines with non-transparent windows in which the Communist leaders always drive.

On the other side, a main motive force has been fear of being seen in the wrong company, of admitting anything to the other side; fear of public opinion back home, of losing one's best allies, of precipitating war, and, above all, fear of seeming afraid.

Fear never inhibited conference orators from making marathon speeches, repeating arguments of which their own side were already persuaded, and which the other side could never accept. But, despite the stalwart Swiss militiamen and the placid, preoccupied city, the Geneva Conference, after nine weeks, is only now beginning to summon up the courage to confer.

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Egypt Prepares Sedition Trial

CAIRO (NANA). — EGYPT is preparing her "biggest and most interesting" Communist trial with 26 citizens, including a beauty queen, accused of trying to reproduce the Russian Revolution beside the Nile.

Ex-Major Mustafa Kamal Sidki, 32, who had not been considered "dangerous enough" to join the revolution which overthrew King Farouk, was described by the State Prosecutor as the leader of the group. Also on the roster are a housewife and a playboy.

According to the Government's charge against the 26, they founded the National Democratic Society to "nationalize means of production through the creation of an Egyptian community similar to that existing in Russia." They allegedly took active part in "the operation of a larger group, the so-called Democratic Movement for National Liberation, which for several years has brought together Egypt's left-wing, Communist-front and fellow-travelling groups, and planned "to ape the revolutionary methods of Lenin and Stalin in the Russian Revolution by instigating workers to strike... and developing hatred between the social classes."

Sidki, who was thrown out of the Army several months ago, once drew Farouk's ire in a rivalry over a woman. He was arrested last autumn, in a police raid in the apartment of Tahia Carioca, who has achieved something of a reputation as a belly dancer. Miss Carioca said that Sidki had married her secretly and had turned her home into a warehouse for propaganda pamphlets.

The trial will be held "soon" before the high military court. Already under way is the Revolution Tribunal trial of 16 cavalry corps officers on charges of plotting a mutiny to overthrow the Government and impose a civilian Communist-Wafdist-Nationalist regime.

ICARUS ON THE EIFFEL TOWER

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH

PARIS (OPNS).— Some claim that the Eiffel Tower, recently marred by a surrounding tasteless industrial exhibition, is justified by the unrivalled view of Paris obtained from its summit. An unassuming French sportsman, however, has just proved that there are other simple ways of getting a bird's eye view.

Some two months ago, Leo Valentin coolly stepped out of an aircraft at 3,000 metres above the capital, wearing a pair of wooden wings he was testing for the first time.

Observers watched breathlessly while this modern Icarus curvetted gracefully to earth, landing neatly seven kms. away on an airstrip.

His flimsy contraption, weighing only 11 kg. consisted of no more than a metal corset to which were attached two wings of balsa wood, fitted with sockets to take his arms. The wing were about two metres long and one metre wide. A world champion parachutist, Valentin commented afterwards: "I glided and was able to manoeuvre. It is what I have been hoping to do for such a long time. It was simply marvellous."

Reaction Returns to Guatemala

By I. F. STONE

WITH the success of the revolt staged by the U.S. in Guatemala, and in the mood of a disillusion" with Europe, the "Fortress America" isolationists will join hands with those who would like the U.S. to retire into the Western Hemisphere and "cultivate its own garden." The real trouble with this metaphor is that the Western Hemisphere below the Rio Grande is a garden the U.S. regards as full of weeds, lesser and darker breeds it must flatter and control. They don't especially care for the gardener, but the masses are easily ruled by a few thousand armed men whose allegiance can be bought or manipulated as in Guatemala.

The Guatemalan counter-revolution carried out the new principle laid down by Dulles at Caracas — that America would intervene against internal "subversion" as well as foreign aggression. This implies a hemispheric police state, with inter-American control of travel, the mail and thoughts to keep out the dangerous. It is all there in the recommendation at Caracas that member governments enact "measures to require disclosure" of the identity, activities and source of funds of persons "spreading" Communist propaganda and to control their movements.

The tactic of the Un-American Activities Committee and the authority of the FBI must become hemispheric (the latter already is). As the Communists go underground, the U.S. must be prepared to screen the political life of Latin America to sift out hidden "subversion." This will, of course, make it easy to get rid of anyone who agitates against banana, copper or oil companies.

SAYINGS OF THE WEEK

Guatemala is the scene of dramatic events. They expose the evil purpose of the Kremlin to destroy the inter-American system and they test the ability of the American States to maintain the peaceful integrity of this hemisphere. The events of recent months and days add a new and glorious chapter to the already great tradition of the American States.

Mr. J.F. DULLES.

Possibly if the chips were down the British mood would change swiftly again as it changed between Munich and Poland. Possibly Britain would be neutral at the start coming in later after Russian atomic power had been wiped out. Or possibly they would — with their splendid British hacks-to-the-wall courage — come in only if the United States seemed to be about to lose the war. Or Britain might not come in at all.

"Time" Magazine.

Readers' Letters

BUSINESS TAX

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to the letter from Dr. Z. Aronson, "Tax on Physicians," in your issue of May 13, I should like to point out that the Municipal Business Tax is imposed in accordance with the Local Authorities (Business Tax) Ordinance, 1945, on all persons carrying on a "trade or business" within the municipal area.

The District Court of Tel Aviv ruled in 1950 that lawyers, although members of a profession, are liable to this tax. In 1953, the same Court ruled in a test case that doctors, too, must pay the Business Tax.

Yours, etc.,
YEHUDA NEDIVI
Town Clerk, Tel Aviv — Jaffa
Tel Aviv, July 5

RASSCO AND KEY-MONEY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of June 15, you published an article about our new workshop centre in Jaffa. By offering to let workshops without key money, "Rassco" calls for a new approach to this important economic problem: for the gradual abolition of key money.

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Yours, etc.,
Dr. C. TADMOR
Rural and Suburban Settlement Company "Rassco" Ltd.
Tel Aviv, July 2.

EXHIBITION IN GERMANY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was surprised to see in your issue of June 22 a reference to an exhibition featuring the development of Israel which is at present on tour throughout the Federal Republic of Germany. It appears that this exhibition is sponsored by the Government of Israel. Undoubtedly many an Israel taxpayer would be interested in learning just what response the organizers wish to evoke.

Taking into account the strong feeling that exists in Israel against Germany and the restraint which is enjoined upon Israel officials in that country, this apparent attempt to win sympathetic interest seems somewhat misplaced.

Yours, etc.,
URI RAMATI
London, June 23.

DAYLIGHT MURDER

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was horrified to read in today's *Jerusalem Post* that a poisonous snake which entered a Tel Aviv police station was immediately shot dead by the policeman on duty. He had obviously meant to give himself up.

Yours, etc.,
A. COBRA
(Name and address supplied)
Jerusalem, July 2.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

JUICES.— It is shocking that we destroy tomatoes or that we don't know what to do with a bumper crop of grapes. Why can't cold fresh tomato juice or grape juice be made and sold at every kiosk in the summer?

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Nature Notes

In the Village Street (II)

LAST time I used up all my space speaking of kestrels and owls, but these are by no means the only sights in broad daylight in the midst of traffic (growing denser and denser, alas, since progress has come to Benyamina and the main streets are asphalted).

By the Post Office I have heard a greenfinch, our best songster, filling his throat high up in a fir tree and pouring forth his pride in the contents of the nest below him. And greenfinches are very shy! — There were two families of goldfinches; the young had only quite lately left the nest and were still being fed.

Graceful warblers, so tiny and awkward in flight, they might be taken for locusts, slipped in and out of a hedge, where their purse of a nest was hidden. Bulbuls sang their strident evening song everywhere, and one pair could be seen busily feeding their nestlings in a nest hanging high, but plainly visible on the branch of an orange tree.

Several hoopoes fed in yards, together with chickens and pigeons, pecking eagerly and nodding their pick-axe-like heads. Only when they fly off do they open their lovely crests, which look like horns while they are on the ground.

On a begonia-hedge, four sun-birds were feeding, the young still brown like their mother, the father glorious in bluegreen. Swifts were dashing around high in the air, whistling shrilly, swallows sailing along gracefully in a little slower and sedater curves, were filling their crop with mosquitoes. All that, and more, to be had during a walk from the chemist's to the Post Office!

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